

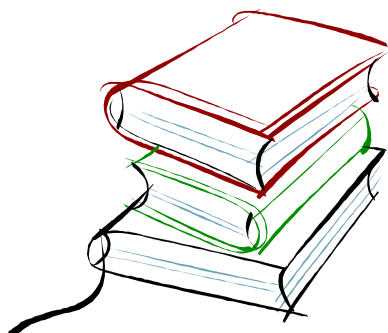
# Highlights of Service

## Utah Public Libraries, FY2008

### Utahns USE their public libraries all year...

In 2008, more than 15.3 million people visited their public libraries.<sup>1</sup> This averages 6.7 visits per person.<sup>2</sup> In addition, over 3.6 million people used library computers to connect to the Internet.<sup>3</sup>

Utah libraries rank 2nd in the country on number of visits per capita<sup>4</sup> and 3rd on reference transactions per capita.<sup>5</sup>



### Utah kids LOVE their libraries...

Utah public libraries rank 1 in the nation on number of children's materials borrowed per capita.<sup>6</sup>

13.2 million children's items were checked out.<sup>7</sup> In addition, children's programs accounted for 18,006 or 80% of reported library events<sup>8</sup> with 705,634 people in attendance.<sup>9</sup>

### Utah residents SUPPORT their public library...

Two out of three Utah residents have a library card.<sup>10</sup>

Library operating expenditures included:<sup>11</sup>

- from City or County Government funds \$78,089,352
- from State of Utah funds \$813,339
- from Federal Government funds \$342,016
- from Other funds \$4,340,140

### Utahns ACCESS digital media from home...

- Public Pioneer – *Utah's Online Library* – offers 39 premium online databases.<sup>12</sup>
- More than 3,000 titles of electronic books.<sup>13</sup>
- Over 3,000 titles of downloadable audiobooks.<sup>14</sup>
- More than 500 titles of downloadable videos.<sup>15</sup>

### Utah residents CONNECT at the public library...

All public libraries in Utah offer Internet access and 80% of them reported being the only providers of free public Internet access in their community.<sup>16</sup> More than 3.6 million people connected to the Internet at their public libraries.<sup>17</sup>

### Utahns get their MONEY'S WORTH at the library...

In 2008, Utah residents borrowed over 33 million items from their libraries.<sup>18</sup> This is an average of more than 11 items per person.<sup>19</sup>

Utah ranks 3rd in the nation in the amount of materials borrowed from public libraries.<sup>20</sup>

Public libraries in Utah offered to their residents over 6.5 million books<sup>21</sup>, more than 780,000 CDs and cassettes,<sup>22</sup> and more than 550,000 videos<sup>23</sup> in 2008.

### On a TYPICAL day, Utah public libraries...

- Welcome 50,512 people.<sup>24</sup>
- Circulate 111,314 items<sup>25</sup> of which 43,632 or 39% are children's materials.<sup>26</sup>
- Answer 14,132 reference questions.<sup>27</sup>
- Present 74 library programs<sup>28</sup> for 2,757 people attending.<sup>29</sup>
- Connect 12,118 people to the Internet.<sup>30</sup>



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